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OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL

Aaron Colangelo Natural Resources Defense Council 1152 15th Street NW, Suite 300 Washington, DC 20005

RE: Freedom of Information Act Request EPA-HQ-2017-005678

Dear Mr. Colangelo:

This letter is the final response to your above-referenced Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, dated April 3, 2017, which seeks certain records concerning a March 29, 2017, interview between the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Agency) Administrator Pruitt and radio host Hugh Hewitt.

In response to your FOIA request, the Agency has granted in part and denied in part your FOIA request. EPA identified approximately 678 responsive records. EPA released in full approximately 419 records. EPA also released in part 212 records. EPA withheld in their entirety 47 records. EPA withheld the information under FOIA Exemptions 5 (deliberative process privilege, attorney client privilege, attorney work product) and Exemption 6 (personal privacy), 5 U.S.C. §§ 552(b)(5), (6).

I am also including a revised withholding index to this letter. EPA identified three records (00006725, 00006762, and 00003921) that were mislabeled as release in full, when in fact those documents were released in part. The revised index reflects this correction.

If you have any further questions, please contact Dominika Tarczynska, Assistant U.S. Attorney, at 212-637-2748.

Sincerely,

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Attorney-Advisor, Office of General Counsel

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